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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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Hiroshige INOUE)	
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Application No.: 10/587,146)	
	:	Confirmation No.: 4972
Filed: May 31, 2007)	
	:	April 13, 2010
For: TONER SUPPLY CONTAINER AND)	
IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS, FOR	:	
DETECTING THE AMOUNT OF)	
REMAINING TONER	:	

Commissioner for Patents
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to a Notification of the First Office Action issued March 10, 2010, in counterpart Chinese Application No. 200910001416.4 ("Chinese Notification"), of the above-identified application, and listed on the enclosed PTO/SB/08a ("citation form"). A copy of the Chinese Notification, along with an English-language translation thereof, is enclosed herewith.

REMARKS

The Chinese Notification and translation are listed on the enclosed citation form.

Japanese Patent Document No. 11-38755 A and U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2001/0026692 A1 are cited in the Chinese Notification and were cited in an Information

Disclosure Statement, filed July 24, 2006, in the present application and therefore are not cited on the enclosed citation form. These patent documents are also discussed in an Information Disclosure Statement filed September 23, 2008.

CONCLUSION

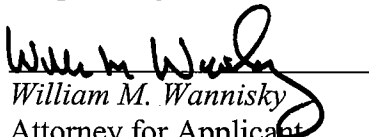
It is respectfully requested that the cited information be considered by the Examiner and that an annotated copy of the enclosed citation form be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Favorable consideration hereof is earnestly solicited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee which may be deemed necessary in connection with this paper to Deposit Account No. 06-1205.

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